

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

COCP-2181-2020

Date of Decision: 16.10.2020

Jagjit Singh

...Petitioner

vs.

Vikas Partap and another

...Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia.

Present: Mr. C.L. Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic Covid-19.

2. Prayer in the petition under Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, is for taking action against the respondents for willful disobedience of the order of this Court Annexure P/1 dated 29.10.2019, in CWP No.31229 of 2019.

3. Learned counsel contends that vide order Annexure P/1 dated 29.10.2019, CWP No.31229 of 2019, was disposed of by directing the respondent to objectively consider representation dated 17.07.2019 by taking into account the contentions raised in the writ petition and pass a speaking order, in accordance with law, within three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order, but despite lapse of aforesaid period of time, needful has not been done.

4. Notice to the respondents to show cause as to why proceedings under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 be not initiated against them for non-compliance with the orders of this Court Annexure P/1, dated 29.10.2019.

5. Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf

respondent No.2 states that needful could not be done due to circumstances prevailing on account of Covid-19 pandemic and in case four weeks more time is granted, decision would be taken on the representation dated 17.07.2019 and decision taken in respect thereto would be conveyed to the petitioner within one week thereafter. Learned counsel further states that in case the petitioner is found entitled to the benefits claimed, the same would also be released to him within two weeks from the date of decision of the representation.

6. The same satisfies learned counsel for the petitioner who states that in view of the assurance he does not press the contempt petition at this stage.

7. Accordingly, in view of the statement of learned counsel for the parties, the Contempt Petition is disposed of as not calling for any orders except directing respondent No.2 to decide the representation dated 17.07.2019, in accordance with the order of this Court dated 29.10.2019, in CWP No.31229 of 2019, within four weeks from today and convey the decision taken in respect thereto, to the petitioner within a period of one week thereafter and in case the petitioner is found entitled to the benefits claimed, the same be released to the petitioner, within two weeks from the date of passing of order on the representation. Needless to mention, in case the needful is not done within the stipulated period of time, the petitioner would be at liberty to move an application for revival of the Contempt Petition.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

16.10.2020

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